



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Question: May Two National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholars Be Placed At One Site?**

**Answer:** The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) historically has allowed only one scholar placement at sites with the greatest need to maximize the number of sites served by the NHSC Scholarship Program and also to geographically distribute the scholar field strength. The NHSC has reviewed its current policy on scholar placement and will consider site requests for up to two scholar placements per site for all disciplines on an exceptional/case-by-case basis.

The additional scholar placement will benefit patients and the site by addressing shortages and promoting retention of primary health care providers in health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). The placement of up to two scholars per site will also help further support the professional development and cultural competence of NHSC scholars serving in underserved communities.

Sites wishing to request an additional scholar placement must provide a justification on how NHSC placement of two scholars during the same placement cycle will benefit the community by meeting long-standing unmet needs and increasing the possibility for clinician retention after service obligations are complete. See form attached.

Sites requesting additional scholar placement must meet all other requirements for "Recruitment of Sites for Assignment of National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Personnel Obligated under the NHSC Scholarship Program." See <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-15356.pdf>.